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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Nobuaki YAGI et al.) Confirmation No.: 6809
Application No.: 10/519,194) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: December 23, 2004) Examiner: Lopez, M.
For: LOCK MECHANISM OF TABLE)
OF ELECTRIC STAPLER)

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated February 16, 2006, the period for response to which extends through March 18, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-5) drawn to a lock mechanism of a table of an electric stapler, and Group II (claim 6) drawn to a lock mechanism of a table of an electric stapler. Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5) without traverse. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under

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37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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